## NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 8:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Church, 2430 K St., N.W.

Find out how you can fight City Hall!

Guest speaker at the April FBA meeting will be

Joseph L. Parker, Deputy Assistant Director of the

Joseph L. Parker, Deputy Assistant Director of the Field Operations Division of the Office of Community Service, D.C. Government. Mr. Parker will discuss

an exciting new concept in city governing—the service area system. We are part of Service Area 9. Do we have any requests to make of any of the city agencies? Will we be at St. Paul's next Monday to ask questions? Will you?

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# Any Complaints?

If you have difficulties with D.C. city government services or agencies, 'phone 393-3333 Mondays through

Fridays, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

But it's not what you think it is. You won't talk to an employee of the city. Instead you will talk to a member of Call for Action, an organization of 45 volunteers that operates the City Hall Complaint Center, which has handled over 24,000 calls since it opened in October 1968.

Call for Action is citizen oriented and, through the Complaint Center, brings to the attention of city departments specific complaints coming from D.C. residents. With the backing of the mayor and the City Council, the Complaint Center operates in efficiently arranged offices on the ground floor of the District Building with the city providing the space, furniture, and telephones.

It seems odd, doesn't it, for a city to encourage an organization to "needle" it and even supply the needle? Three good results come from this "off-beat" attitude of the city government; first, since the Complaint Center is operated by volunteers who can't be fired, no complaint is too hot to handle; second,

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# MAY FIESTA

Olé! Mark May 22 on your calendar—it's Foggy Bottom May Fiesta time again.

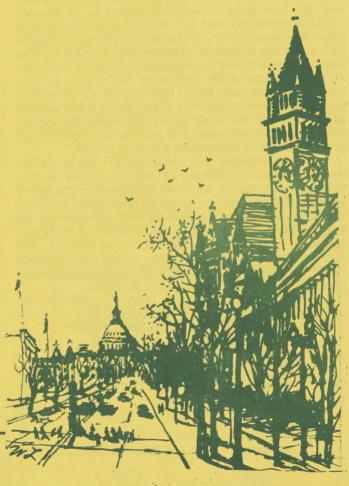
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Parking Lot, rear 2430 K Street, May 22,

4-6 P.M.

# Clean Up Day

Let's clean up our neighborhood.
All Foggy Bottom residents are invited to a clean up day Saturday, May 15, from 2:00 P.M. on. Meet at 25th and I Streets...all necessary equipment, such as rakes, hoes and plastic bags, will be provided.



### HOTEL '76

Hotel '76, Wolf Von Eckardt's name for the festive-appearing D.C. Post Office turned tourist hotel is apt.

Teamed with a much-needed downtown sports arena, it could begin the renaissance of the central business district as well as serve the '76 festival.

F. von B.

#### MARCH MEETING

The message of the Zero Population Growth representatives at the March FBA meeting was reassuring as well as discouraging. For while it would take 60 to 70 years for the population of the United States to stabilize even if everyone decided today to limit their families to two children, at least the American people are becoming aware of the problem of overpopulation and the steps that can be taken to ameliorate it.

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Leonard Lane, ZPG Washington lobbyist, and Richard Kroll, president of the D.C. chapter of ZPG, first outlined what they believe the problems are and are not. The problem is not the unwanted child-therefore, eliminating legal restrictions on such controversial methods of population control as contraception and abortion is not the sole answer. The problem is the wanted child--it it's child number three or more. A subtle plug for Women's Liberation was inserted in their comments to the effect that two reasons for having large families in the past have been the desire to produce a son and the belief that having children was the best form of self-fulfillment for a woman.

Among the reasons for limiting population growth are: increased pollution, resource depletion, deleterious effect on economic development, and deleterious effect on democratic institutions (i.e., each vote carries less weight as the number of voters grows.

After outlining the disadvantages of unchecked population growth, they discussed the positive aspects of its control, the most important being the opportunity we have to leave a legacy to our children and grandchildren of an improved quality of life.

The Association was visited by Joe Parker of the Service Area Committee of the D.C. Government. This program was established by the Mayor to improve service delivery at the neighborhood level, increase the effectiveness of the government, and increase its responsiveness to citizens. Mr. Parker distributed a brochure describing the service-area concept, and will return at a future meeting to answer questions from the Association. Copies of the brochure can be obtained by calling 629-4168 or 629-2060.

A film, "Children and Trees," completed the evening's activities.

Leslie Wilder

The D.C. chapter of Zero Population Growth meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the West End Library at 7:30 p.m.



#### CORN SOLDIERS

I hear the corn growing—Bursting kernels, shooting seeds, Sewn of dragon's teeth.
Festooned in silk
And golden braid,
Green gunners sight on sun.
Towering stalks: Row on row
The tasseled helmets sway
A march in time to wind.

I fear the harvesting--Exploding summer sun; Scythe and sickle and sword Lay waste green stalks. Chill autumn breath Resounds in stubbled field.

Good corn soldiers, foolish, brave, Laid under with the plow. Now only winter's whispering: "How many summers of corn have been; How many harvests more?"

-- G. Anne Edwards

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## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - Extensions of Remarks

AUTOMOBILE ABUSE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

## HON. LIONEL VAN DEERLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 1971

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, the powers-that-be at George Washington University, evidently unmoved by concern for the environment, are proceeding with plans to build three elegant new garages that eventually will draw an additional 3,000 cars into downtown Washington.

The automobile, of course, is at the root of our pollution problems. Emissions from the more than 105 million motor vehicles now on the road account for at

least 90 percent of our smog—and upward of 90 percent in some metropolitan areas.

When autos die—and many of them have notoriously short life spans—they fill unsightly junk yards. The automobile, with its insatiable fuel appetites, can even be blamed, albeit indirectly, for tragedies such as the Santa Barbara Channel oil leak.

Granted, many people have to drive, in part because public transportation is so sorely deficient in many areas. But I question whether such a vast number of the healthy young students at George Washington University need be as dependent on their wheels as university officials seem to think.

Such excessive and selfish use of the automobile is hardly compatible with the youthful idealism we hear so much

about. Could these be the same students who lobbied so vigorously against the alleged environmental hazards of the SST? And unlike other parts of town, the GWU area does enjoy excellent bus service.

Unfortunately, a federally supported agency, the National Capital Planning Commission, has consented to the woefully short-sighted garage project. Perhaps the NCPC should be asked to explain itself.

The "car first" philosophy of the GWU administrators was revealed in a column published Saturday in the Washington Star. Star staff writer Christopher Wright points out that the cars already on hand around the campus have forced a pediatrics professor to build an airlock in order to get a pollution-free room for his young patients.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

The Anacostia Rehabilitation Center at 1214SSt., SE serves the young addict who is trying to get "straight." They desperately need assistance. The Center needs everything -- household utensils, canned goods, mops, brooms, soap, office supplies (such as paper, pens, pencils), and household furnishings, including bunk beds, rugs, lamps, dishes, silverware, cooking equipment. Maintenance requirements include plumbing, plastering, roofing, carpentry, electrical work, painting, and materials with which to work. Financial contributions are also appreciated.

Donations can be made to the Center, or arrangements can be made for pickup. Contact Cornelius Hurley (581-3225) or call Rev. John Kinter (584-3709) for further information. Father Kinter will be remembered as an assistant at St. Stephen's during the summer of 1961.

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#### THE FOGGY BOTTOM FARMER

The green thumb balcony gardener soon finds little foot room, and floor cleaning becomes exasperating.

One substitute for the space-robbing accumulation of flower pots and plant tubs is the "balcony box"--a window box mounted on the inside of the balcony wall or railing. "Do-it-yourself" brackets, bent from soft aluminum strap metal will support the box, as shown below. A small home vise or "C" clamp can hold one end of the strap metal rigid while leverage is applied to bend the other end to the required shape.

Hechinger, Sears, and other building supply stores stock the strap aluminum. After deciding on the size of your flower box you can determine the length of strap aluminum needed. Shape coat hanger wire to a measureable pattern of the aluminum brackets.

The redwood or cedar balcony box shown in the drawing has no bottom. The four sides with self-watering inverted "V" notches rest on a galvanized iron tray. In addition to permanency, the tray may act as a reservoir, allowing the plant to draw water from it as needed.

Light weight soil, especially important for a supported box, is of equal parts of pearlite or vermiculite, peat moss, and rich garden loam. Avoid clay loam.

Geranium, petunia, marigold, nasturtium, and ageratum are window box plants suited to sunny locations. In the shade, impatiens, tuberous rooted begonias, fuschia, and ivy will do better.

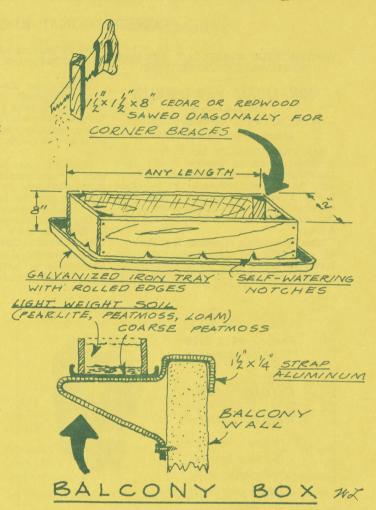
W. S. Lattin

#### POOL GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

The Columbia Plaza office building is slated to be finished in the spring of 1972. A swimming pool was promised to the tenants but now the promise has disappeared under the concrete of construction. A complex which lists itself as providing luxurious in-town living and which has used a pool as a drawing card now backs down on its promises. We hope they will reconsider.

As late as April 18, 1969, in an open letter to the tenants, Shannon and Luchs said to them "The pool will be built along with construction of the next building. Completion date is indefinite, but it will not be during 1969." We naively ask why a second letter was not sent out informing tenants of the cancellation?







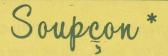
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by Dorth Arnold

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\*Fruit Kebobs

Buy small bamboo terryaki sticks at a Japanese store. Cut peeled bananas in one-inch pieces. Roll them in sour cream, then in freshly grated coconut. Thread alternate pieces of the banana and pineapple chunks on the sticks.

\*Pink Scrambled Eggs

Heat 3 T. butter in a skillet and lightly brown a large jar of dried beef in the butter. Remove and set aside. Melt an additional 2 T. of butter in the skillet. Add 1 t. of chili powder and simmer very slowly for a few minutes. Add one 8-ounce can of whole peeled tomatoes and a 3-ounce package of cream cheese. Heat until it is bubbling. Then stir in 6 beaten eggs and 3/4 t. of salt. Add two thirds of the beef and scramble all. Serve on your prettiest serving plate and sprinkle the remaining beef and finely chopped parsley on top.

Professional advice given

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FILM REVIVAL

Apr. 23-26 - Flirtation Walk & Dames

Apr. 27-29 - Footlight Parade & Go Into Your Dance

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residents of the District have someone to speak for them when they get poor service or are mistreated; and third, the city government, through the information provided by the calls, learns where its services are inadequate and can improve them.

The Complaint Center doesn't always succeed in getting the situation corrected, but, as one department head somewhat plaintively remarked, "The reason they get so much accomplished is because they expect the

department to do its job and do it right."

Perfection is a long way off yet, but, if you have a problem with anything from garbage collection to an inoperative traffic light, 'phone 393-3333 and the Center will do its best to get it corrected, and the city will receive still another record of where its service needs improving.

Burton T. Wilson

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

The annual election of FBA officers for 1971-72 will be held at the June 28 meeting. The nominating committee consists of: Charles Schoeneman, Harriet Gruger. Fr. Richard Martin. Margaret Culhane, William Buchanan and Burton Wilson. Contact any of them with your suggestions for nominees.

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## LAND USE: IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?

I've never joined FBA. The reason is resentment of the doublethink that seems to characterize the News. The January issue for instance. There's a denunciation of Three Sisters Bridge, yet according to the Washington Star, construction of the span involves destruction of three houses. George Washington University bulldozes down entire blocks--including one to run up an office building to lease to PEPCO. One is for transportation--that's bad; the other cloaks itself with the toga of education, and that's good.

Indeed, GW seems to pose a far greater threat to our neighborhood than the entire D.C. freeway system. But there's never any mention of that horrible thought.

For the city as a whole it's the flight to the suburbs. And that includes the Federal Government. While giving lip service to revitalization it aids and abets and compounds the disaster. Latest incidents—the Munitions Building, 12,000 jobs. And the Coast Guard—a 10-story structure leveled to create a parking lot. Before that—the Navy Yard, a 10-block—long complex; the Patent Office to Virginia; The National Bureau of Standards to Gaithersburg, Md. And taking their cue from this exodus such major private employers as National Geographic Society to Rockville; Western Electric to Arlington; and REA to Prince Georges' Temple Hills. In the offing—the Government Printing Office and U.S. Postal Service to Prince Georges' Lanham.

An obvious explanation: lack of space in the District. And the equally obvious rebuttal: What about also vacated Bolling AFB and the huge National Training School for Boys, another displaced employer? And the acreage at the Navy Yard? The National Training School appears destined to become another Anacostia-a public housing project.

With jobs, perhaps we wouldn't need so much public housing to, in a few years, take on the battle-scarred appearance of Anacostia and Congress Heights. If you have an employed populace, then it follows you have a concerned people. And I know of no better long-term cure for crime than that. Short-term, of course, would be a better and more realistic reaction in our criminal courts.

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Sunday worship services at 11:00 A.M. mingle the traditional and contemporary. Free worship services at 5:00 P.M. for street people are held in cooperation with the Agape Foundation.

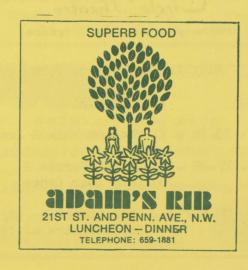
During the week, besides special activities for women, men, and young people, there are prayer groups, tutoring of children, visiting of patients at St. Elizabeth's, and other projects.

If you are interested in taking part, a warm welcome awaits you.

#### ANNUAL SPRING BOOK SALE

The Vassar Club of Washington will hold its 21st annual spring book sale April 22-27 at 2100 M St., N.W. Proceeds go toward providing scholarships for girls-and now boys--to Vassar College. All kinds of books are available, priced at 25-75¢, and a Rare Books section for collectors includes first editions and leather-bound sets. New books are brought out each day. Hours are: Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23, 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Saturday, April 24, Monday, April 26, and Tuesday, April 27, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.





# MAILBOX

To the Foggy Bottom News:

The sidewalks of Foggy Bottom are becoming dangerous mine fields with pedestrians having to dodge

"dog-do" every step of the way.

It is deplorable that dog owners care so little about their own neighborhood that they are catering to every whim of their dogs for their favorite places. They should do as a very thoughtful dog owner neighbor is doing, and use a dog-do ''picker-upper,'' which can be very inexpensively purchased, for placing the dog's excrement in the gutter, to be cleaned up by the street sweeper.

It is time that dog owners stop making Foggy

Bottom into a dog's bathroom!

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckfield

 $\Lambda$  few words from Holmes and Mary Alexander-25th Street.

We are very disturbed by the dog droppings on our street. Having no dog of our own makes it even more of a nuisance. Please curb your dog or walk your dog where you live.

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April 30

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